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On 8 November 1954, the Czechoslovak Trade Ministry (sic) refused an offer of ferro-tungsten, regardless of price considerations. It was stated that they had no import requirements for ferro-tungsten at present, nor did they contemplate having any in the near future.

Comment: Whether this is because the Czech metals industry is meeting its requirements from a stock pile, from import, from other Soviet-bloc countries, or from new production is unknown. This is the first indication that the Czechs have any new source of ferro-tungsten; previously, they had been most anxious to purchase ferro-tungsten.

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